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Data Highlights - 2004

The Manitoba *All Items* index rose 2.0% in 2004, eighth among the provinces: the *All Items* percent changes for 2004 ranged from 1.4% for Alberta to a high of 2.2% for Saskatchewan. At the Canada level, the *All Items* percent change was 1.9% for 2004. In Manitoba, for 2004, the *Clothing and Footwear* component decreased by 1.2%, while the *Tobacco and Alcohol* component showed the largest increase with a 5.1% growth. At the Canada level, the *Clothing and Footwear* component decreased by 0.2%, while the *Tobacco and Alcohol* component registered the largest increase of 5.4%. Winnipeg's *All Items* Index rose 1.9% in 2004, the eighth lowest increase of the sixteen major cities reporting.

Manitoba continues to have relatively low increases in consumer prices for auto-insurance premiums. In 2003, Manitoba had almost no increase in auto-insurance premiums at 0.3% compared to a national average of 22.1%. In 2004, the Manitoba increase was 2.1%. The two year increase for Manitoba was 2.4%, the lowest among provinces: British Columbia had the next lowest increase at 9.6% and the Canada level increase was 23.9%.

If the *Energy* component is examined separately, the 2003 to 2004 percent changes range from a 3.9% increase for Alberta to a 9.2% increase for Newfoundland. Canada's *Energy* index increased 6.7% in 2004. The 2002 to 2004 *Energy* percent changes range from 12.1% for Saskatchewan to 23.9% for Alberta: Manitoba ranked second with a two year increase of 12.5%.

Within the *Energy* component, Manitoba ranked fifth in the *Natural Gas* component and third in the *Electricity* component with increases of 2.2% and 1.8% between 2003 and 2004. Between 2002 and 2004, Manitoba ranked first in *Natural Gas* and second in *Electricity* components with increases of 10.3% and 1.8%.

The *All Items excluding Energy* 2004 percent changes have quite a narrow range. New Brunswick shows the smallest increase with 0.7%, while Saskatchewan the largest increase at 1.7%: Manitoba had an increase of 1.5%. Manitoba *All Items excluding Energy* from 2002 to 2004 was 3.0% and ranked first among the provinces.

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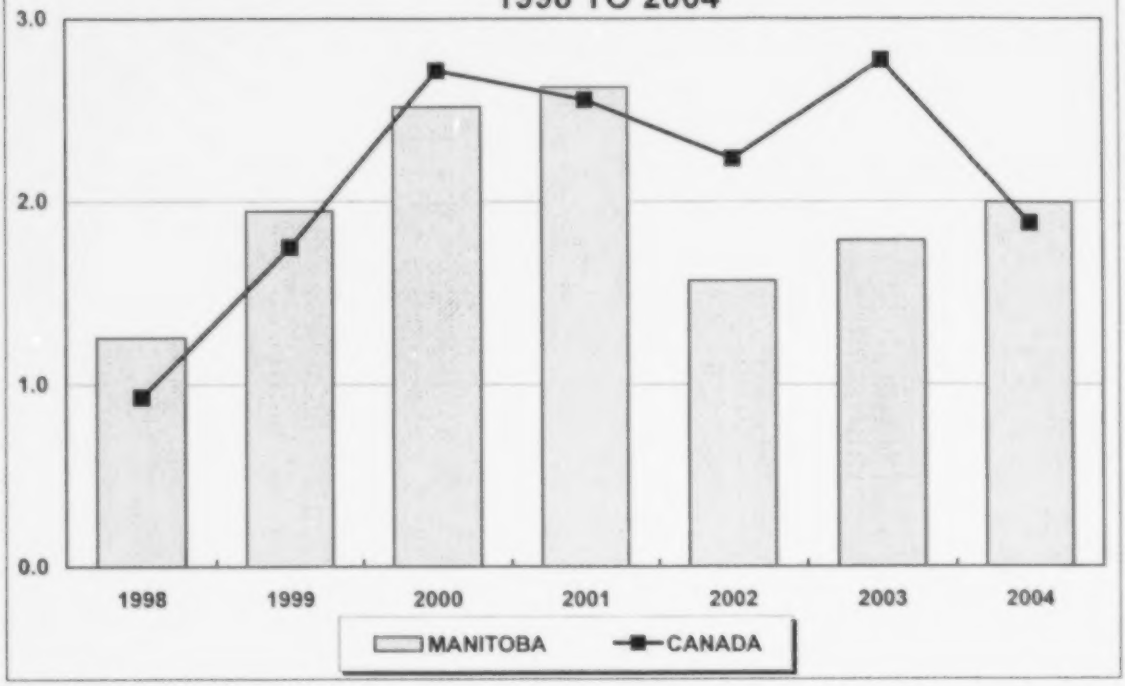

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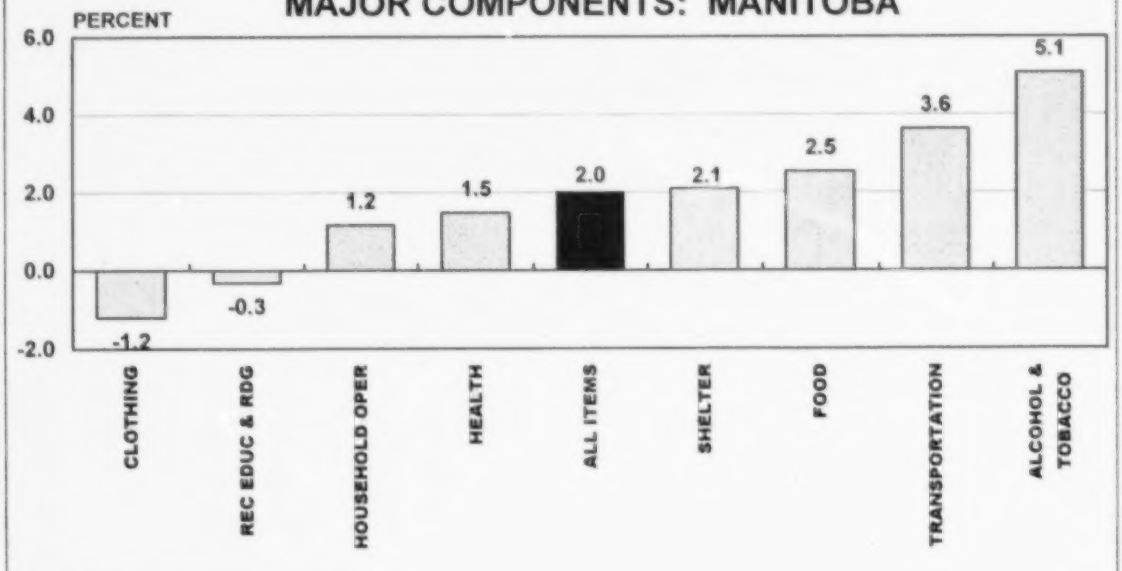

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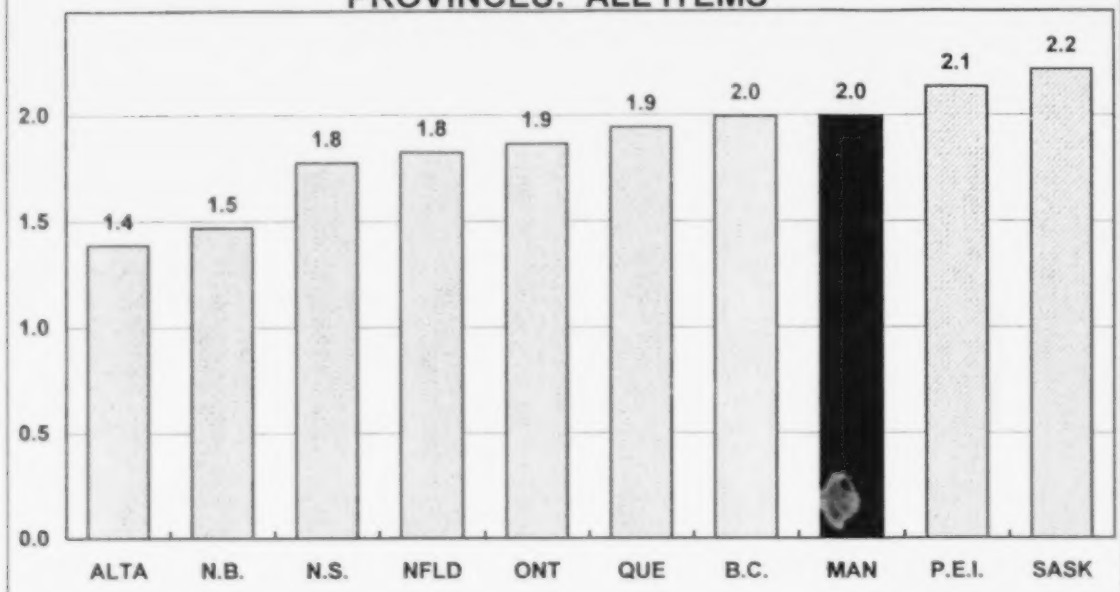

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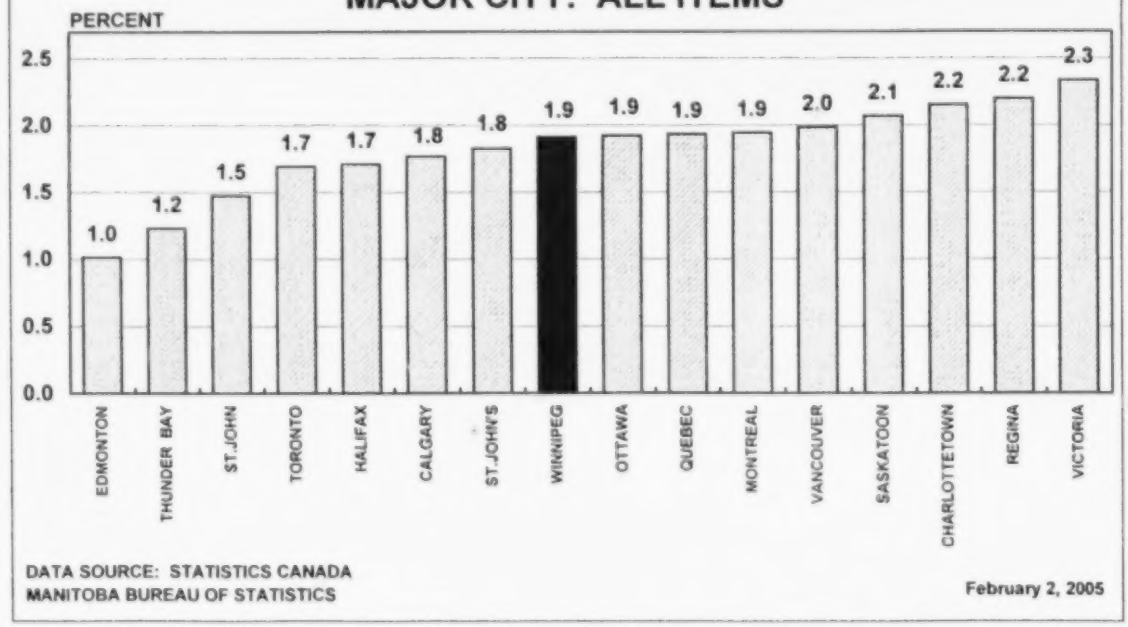

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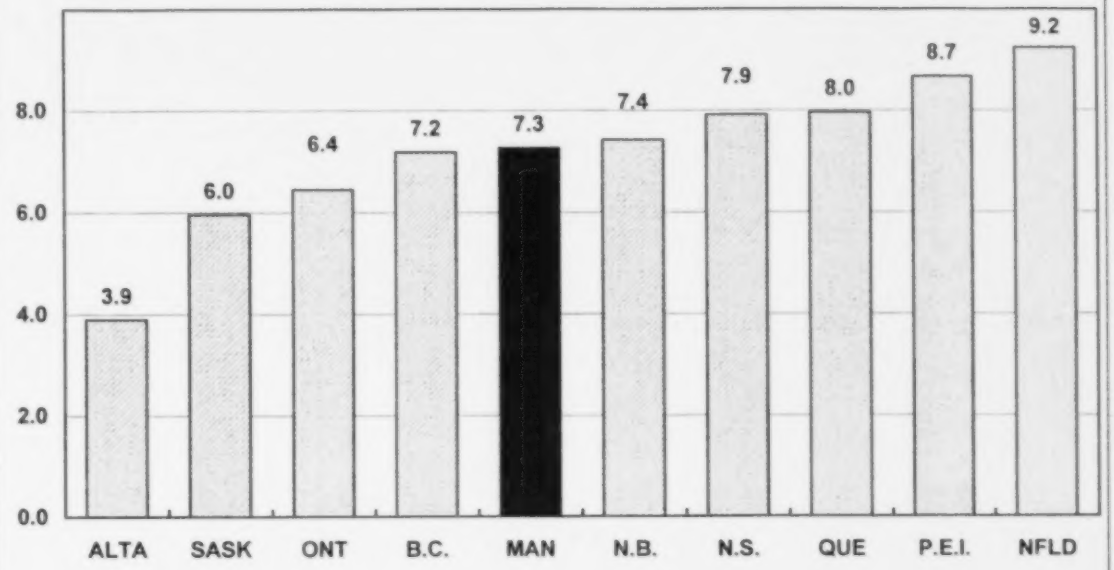

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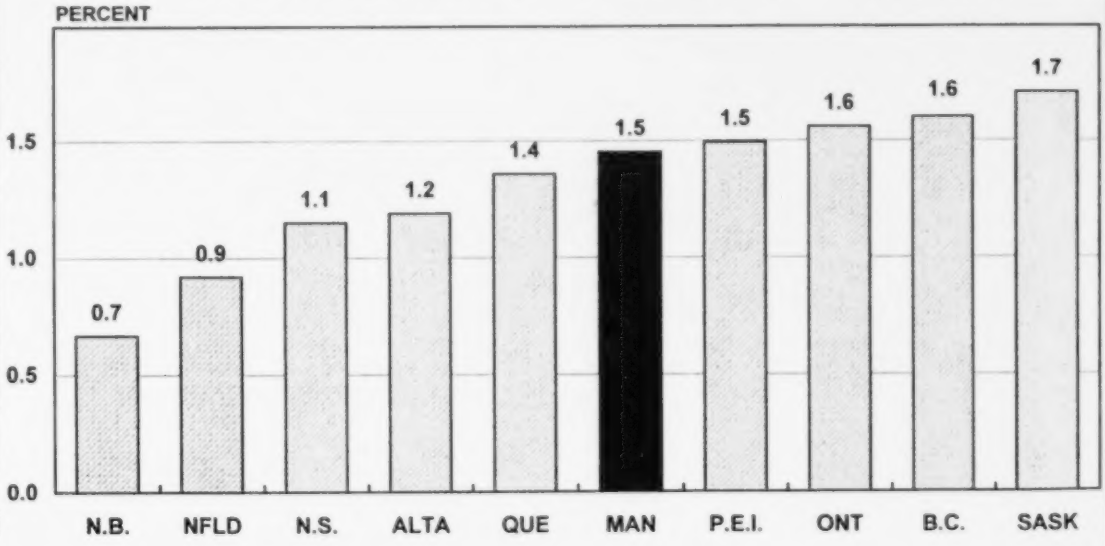

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TABLE 1: ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDICES - 2002 TO 2004
BY COMPONENT: MANITOBA AND CANADA

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
				PERCENT CHANGE					PERCENT CHANGE	
	2002	2003	2004	2002 TO 2003	2003 TO 2004	2002	2003	2004	2002 TO 2003	2003 TO 2004
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	123.1	125.3	127.8	1.8	2.0	119.0	122.3	124.6	2.8	1.9
FOOD	124.8	126.7	129.9	1.5	2.5	120.3	122.4	124.9	1.7	2.0
SHELTER	117.6	119.8	122.3	1.9	2.1	113.8	117.5	120.5	3.3	2.6
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	119.7	121.0	122.4	1.1	1.2	113.8	114.6	115.2	0.7	0.5
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	115.6	116.6	115.2	0.9	-1.2	105.2	103.3	103.1	-1.8	-0.2
TRANSPORTATION	133.5	135.2	140.1	1.3	3.6	134.4	141.4	144.8	5.2	2.4
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	120.3	122.1	123.9	1.5	1.5	115.5	117.0	118.8	1.3	1.5
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	124.9	126.4	126.0	1.2	-0.3	126.3	127.3	127.7	0.8	0.3
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	128.5	142.0	149.2	10.5	5.1	123.6	136.0	143.3	10.0	5.4
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	122.7	125.0	127.3	1.9	1.8	118.8	122.4	124.5	3.0	1.7
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	121.7	123.6	125.2	1.6	1.3	117.5	120.5	122.0	2.6	1.2
ENERGY	131.3	137.7	147.7	4.9	7.3	129.6	139.9	149.3	7.9	6.7
GOODS	120.4	122.5	124.6	1.7	1.7	115.8	118.0	119.7	1.9	1.4
SERVICES	126.0	128.4	131.2	1.9	2.2	122.8	127.2	130.1	3.6	2.3

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TABLE 2: ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDICES - 2002 TO 2004
BY PROVINCE: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS				
				PERCENT CHANGE	
	2002	2003	2004	2002 TO 2003	2003 TO 2004
MANITOBA	123.1	125.3	127.8	1.8	2.0
WESTERN PROVINCES					
SASKATCHEWAN	123.7	126.5	129.3	2.3	2.2
ALBERTA	124.2	129.7	131.5	4.4	1.4
BRITISH COLUMBIA	117.9	120.4	122.8	2.1	2.0
EASTERN PROVINCES					
ONTARIO	120.1	123.3	125.6	2.7	1.9
QUEBEC	115.5	118.4	120.7	2.5	1.9
MARITIME PROVINCES					
NEW BRUNSWICK	118.6	122.6	124.4	3.4	1.5
NOVA SCOTIA	119.8	123.9	126.1	3.4	1.8
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	117.7	121.9	124.5	3.6	2.1
NEWFOUNDLAND	117.3	120.7	122.9	2.9	1.8
* MANITOBA RANK				1	8

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TABLE 3: ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDICES - 2002 TO 2004
BY CITY: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS				
				PERCENT CHANGE	
	2002	2003	2004	2002 TO 2003	2003 TO 2004
WINNIPEG	123.3	125.5	127.9	1.8	1.9
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	124.6	127.5	130.3	2.3	2.2
SASKATOON	123.1	125.8	128.4	2.2	2.1
CALGARY	125.8	130.2	132.5	3.5	1.8
EDMONTON	121.9	128.4	129.7	5.3	1.0
VANCOUVER	118.6	121.0	123.4	2.0	2.0
VICTORIA	117.4	120.0	122.8	2.2	2.3
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	119.3	122.1	123.6	2.3	1.2
TORONTO	120.6	124.2	126.3	3.0	1.7
OTTAWA	121.9	124.9	127.3	2.5	1.9
MONTREAL	115.7	118.4	120.7	2.3	1.9
QUEBEC	116.2	119.1	121.4	2.5	1.9
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	118.2	122.2	124.0	3.4	1.5
HALIFAX	119.1	122.9	125.0	3.2	1.7
CHARLOTTETOWN	117.1	120.9	123.5	3.2	2.2
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	117.3	120.6	122.8	2.8	1.8
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF SIXTEEN CITIES)				1	8

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TABLE 4: ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDICES - 2002 TO 2004
BY PROVINCE: ENERGY AND ALL ITEMS EXCLUDING ENERGY

(1992 = 100)

	ENERGY					ALL ITEMS EXCLUDING ENERGY				
				PERCENT CHANGE					PERCENT CHANGE	
	2002	2003	2004	2002 TO 2003	2003 TO 2004	2002	2003	2004	2002 TO 2003	2003 TO 2004
MANITOBA	131.3	137.7	147.7	4.9	7.3	122.2	124.1	125.9	1.6	1.5
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	152.5	161.3	170.9	5.8	6.0	120.7	123.2	125.3	2.1	1.7
ALBERTA	144.6	172.4	179.1	19.2	3.9	122.4	126.2	127.7	3.1	1.2
BRITISH COLUMBIA	135.9	144.9	155.3	6.6	7.2	116.7	118.8	120.7	1.8	1.6
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	131.8	142.8	152.0	8.3	6.4	119.1	122.0	123.9	2.4	1.6
QUEBEC	115.9	121.9	131.6	5.2	8.0	115.4	118.1	119.7	2.3	1.4
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	135.5	144.2	154.9	6.4	7.4	116.6	120.1	120.9	3.0	0.7
NOVA SCOTIA	126.6	136.5	147.3	7.8	7.9	118.7	122.0	123.4	2.8	1.1
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	117.4	130.5	141.8	11.2	8.7	117.7	120.7	122.5	2.5	1.5
NEWFOUNDLAND	119.6	126.8	138.5	6.0	9.2	117.0	119.9	121.0	2.5	0.9
* MANITOBA RANK				1	5				1	6

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